

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN YCA COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY JANUARY 9th 2017 AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Cllr. Craddock (Chairman) * Cllr. Baldry *
Cllr. Endicott (Vice Chair) * Cllr Yonge *
Cllr Thomas @ Cllr. Tucker *
Cllr. Healy * Cllr. Barton *
Cllr Pritchard @ Cllr Jordan *
* Denotes attendance @ Denotes absence

Also attending: Members of the public 5
Police 1
County Councillor 1
District Councillor 0

1. APOLOGIES – Cllrs Pritchard and Thomas

2. APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCILLOR

The Chairman explained he and Cllr Endicott had met with Jane Jordan who had applied for the casual vacancy. Councillors voted unanimously to appoint Jane Jordan as a Yealmpton Parish Councillor. Councillor Jordan joined the meeting.

3. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Potter's reports for November and December are below:

Nov 2016

1/11 report of a dog out of control, no further action taken, CR/077456/16

12/11 report of a minor assault, enquiries ongoing, CR/085219/16

Dec 2016

2/12 report of dog attacking sheep CR/085148/16

4/12 criminal damage to car, rear window of car damaged CR/085731/16

5/12 drink /driver, charged to court CR/086112/16

4. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

No report received from Cllr Blackler.

Cllr Baldry reported:

- Very pleased to see that Cllr Yonge is able to join us this evening.
- Citizens Advise Bureau. Residents of Yealmpton (and other rural villages) are now able to use the CAB at Plymouth.
- Cllr Lindsay Ward has resigned both as Deputy Leader at SHDC and as a District Councillor. Elections for 'Charterlands' will be necessary.
- SHDC Recycling sacks may in future be made available in our village. The Locality Officer is reviewing options,

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- None

6. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

SHDC

Cllr Baldry proposed and Cllr Tucker seconded “that the minutes of the November 14th Monthly Meeting be signed as an accurate record”. Approved.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS -

7.1 WORKS – Nothing to report

7.2 FOOTPATHS - A) Brixton want to create a path along the estuary and over the water where Cylinder Bridge once stood. YPC support the principle but deem it to be impractical. B) Annual path surveys are in hand. C) Bid for £5000 for funding for river bank repairs on FP20 was submitted on time.

7.3 HIGHWAYS – Puslinch Hill repairs in progress. Road shut until Thursday.

7.4 EMERGENCY PLAN & ENVIRONMENT– Nothing to report

7.5 YOUTH - The Clerk advised Councillors about the very successful Brownie and Rainbow groups in the village run by Lesley Mackay.

8. LOCAL ISSUES

8.1 Actions from previous minutes not yet cleared.

- **Extra parking spaces at Kitley Heights.** No further action until the allotment fencing is erected (by end January)
- **Bottle Bank location.** Discussions are in hand between SHDC and Kitley Estates.
- **Flooding on back lane to Dunstone.** DCC are still reviewing action to overcome the flooding problems.
- **YOYO new contract.** Not yet signed. Cllr Thomas to chase.
- **Speedsigns.** Not yet ordered but DCC advise that time is running out. Cllr Craddock agreed to order in the Clerk’s absence.
- **Christmas tree at garage to be 16’ tall in 2017.**
- **Bakery Square.** Thanks to be sent to Mrs Harvey team for the splendid decoration of Bakery Square last Christmas.
- **Coronation Buildings.** Cllr Healy reported that the project for improvement the forecourt and shop accesses was still under consideration. Public funding cannot be used for improving private property.

8.2. Approval of legal procedures and policies.

The Chairman reminded Councillors that he and Cllr Endicott had been tasked with reading, amending and approving all the updated YPC policies and procedures produced in November/December by the Clerk. This had been achieved. Cllr Endicott proposed and Cllr Tucker seconded “that all these 7 documents be taken as ready for approval and be signed by the Chairman”. Unanimously approved.

8.3 Upgrade of Stray Park play equipment.

Cllr Thomas has reported that it will be necessary to set up a ‘village consultation’ on the various options prior to making a funding application.

8.4 Update on Zebra Crossing survey.

The people count was carried out as planned in December. However the ‘car counting’ equipment had failed and this exercise needs to be redone by DCC. Cllr Pritchard is coordinating this project.

8.5 Community Payback projects.

Cllr Craddock is keen to try out this scheme using those who have Community Service hours to work. The Manager will be invited to come and suggest what can be achieved with this resource. Suggested schemes were: Clearing debris for the A379 pavement between Yeo allotments and Yealmbridge; Clearing the churchyard paths of weeds, moss etc; clearing the pavement between Kitley farm shop and Silverbridge Way. The ‘daily cost rate’ to be established.

Clerk
Barton
Barton

Baldry

Hosking

Thomas

Craddock
Thomas/Clerk

Clerk

Healy

Thomas

Pritchard

Craddock

9. PLANNING MATTERS

9.1 None

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Items of expenditure below £1,000 are not itemized. Parishioners are welcome to attend meetings if further details are required.

10.1 Cllr Craddock proposed and Cllr Yonge seconded the acceptance of the expenditure for the amount of £5632.69. Approved. Items over £1000 were: £1000 donation to Youth of Yealmpton Organisation (YOYO) and £2000 to Yealmpton Community Association (YCA) as a contribution to its 'building maintenance' fund.

10.2 Precept level for 2017/18. After some discussion Cllr Tucker proposed that the cost budget for 2017/18 be accepted at £38,748. This was seconded by Cllr Endicott and approved with 2 abstentions. Cllr Baldry reminded council that reserves were reduced by about £20,000 last year and that this cannot continue. The funds to be precepted from SHDC were proposed by Cllr Craddock and seconded by Cllr Baldry to be £39,000. Unanimously approved.

Clerk

11. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Hosking reported:

- DCC Budget. Need to save another £22 million.
- December meeting to resolve Dunstone lane flooding. Problems not yet eliminated.
- Traffic survey for zebra crossing to be redone after technical hitch.
- £2000 grant given to Primary School for the creation of a "forest school".
- School funding under review by Government based on 'rurality' factors and this may lead to a reduction for Yealmpton Primary of 1 or 2 %
- Broadband. Phase 2 awarded to a company call Gigaclear to supply fibre to the cabinet at 100 Mbs.
- Broadband Phase3 (for the final 5% of the population) may be supplied by Airband using microwave technology.
- Devolution. A second bid has been submitted to Westminster by a consortium of Plymouth, Exeter and Torbay.
- DCC has awarded its roads contract to SKANSKA, trading as Devon Highways, from January 20th 2017.
- The 'speed sign' project for Yealmpton, Uggborough and Ermington has been agreed but time now running out. Cllr Hosking to check which grant scheme and closing date. Cllr Craddock to order the most suitable equipment. Mounting poles will be at the expense of YPC.

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Craddock

Cllr Yonge asked about his £500 Broadband voucher. This can be used for local group schemes or to subsidize a satellite link on the farm.

12. CORRESPONDENCE for discussion.

- Dog fouling in the village. Council discussed the letter sent by Cllr Baldry to a concerned resident. Council agreed with the letter. There are dog wardens visiting our village but the Clerk was asked to enquire if these routine visits could be increased.

Clerk
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13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be on Monday, February 13th 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Room at YCA.

The meeting was closed at 9.10 pm.

M J Stickland, Clerk to Yealmpton Parish Council

January 10th 2017

OPEN FORUM

(These notes do not form part of the Council Minutes)

1. Mr Barry Milner raised the problem of residents having regular bonfires adjacent to the highway. He cited various complaints from other residents and local businesses.

It was agreed that an article be written for the Yealmpton Press to remind parishioners of the rules pertaining to bonfires and the fact that nuisance laws come into play if these rules are ignored.

2. Jackie and Ray from Christmas Cottage raised concerns at speed of traffic though the village centre. Was it possible for there to be a 20 mph limit?

The Chairman advised about the impending 'Speed Watch' team that the police are setting up with Yealmpton volunteers. Recent surveys indicate that average speeds are no greater than 35 mph but of course there are those who drive through at, say, 50 mph.

A 20 mpg limit is not allowed on main trunk roads of which the A379 is one.

YPC in conjunction with Uggborough and Ermington will soon own a portable speed sign which will be used by all 3 communities.

Barton